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VOLUME FLOW OF A FILTRATE
IN SEPARATION PROCESSES
WITH FILTER CAKE
FORMATION, AND DEVICE FOR
CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD

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Amendments to the Description begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Submission of Formal Drawings and four sheets of formal drawings are attached hereto.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.